## **Wheeling – Ohio County Health Department**

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To:

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City Manager, City of Wheeling

From: Howard Gamble, MPH

Administrator, Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department

Re:

Budget Request: FY 2013-2014

Date: January 4, 2013

The mission of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department is to prevent disease and protect and promote the health of the people in Wheeling and Ohio County. We strive to provide cost effective public health programs and services that are effective in preventing future health problems. As a city-county health department, our agency is the official governmental entity with the responsibility for protecting the public's health.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Board of health requests funding for public health services in the amount of \$45,000 from the City of Wheeling for FY 2013-2014. Our current level of funding from the City is \$25,000. The requested funds are used to partially cover the cost of investigating and enforcing health related sections of the ordinance code of the City of Wheeling. The requested amount also includes a one time request for funds to renovate our two clinical rooms in the health department.

The two clinical rooms in the health department have not been renovated or modernized since the construction of the building. We are in need of major clinical infrastructure upgrades and repairs. Most of our clinical equipment is original to the opening of the building in 1965. The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department oversees several public health clinical programs, including immunizations, flu shots, cancer screening, international travel, women's clinic, blood pressures screening, STD/HIV clinic and more for the residents of Wheeling and Ohio County.

Funding for the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department comes from a variety of sources, including local support from the City of Wheeling and the Ohio County Commission. A large part of the health department's budget comes from State Grants. This funding covers our WIC program (operating in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel & Tyler counties), our regional epidemiology and cancer information programs and several other disease prevention clinics.

In recent years we have seen a decrease in funding from the State of West Virginia for many of our basic public health programs. Our overall operating costs continue to increase for all of our programs. We do not anticipate a wage adjustment this year for staff, unless funding is provided by the State of West Virginia.

The health department is seeing an increase in city-wide public health activity, either for general inspections, complaint responses or other public health services. The requested funds will assist us in meeting our responsibilities to the public.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department remains open to other partnerships with the City of Wheeling for future public health related programs or projects. If you have any questions concerning our budget request, please give me a call at 304.234.3682.

## Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department Current Budget FY 13

Funding Sources				Expenditures	
Government Suppor	rt	Grants		Personnel	\$878,045.20
State Support	\$369,695.77	NACCHO Grant	\$4,000.00	Benefits	\$431,348.27
City of Wheeling	\$25,000.00	TB Association Grant	\$900.00	Contract Ser.	\$2,268.00
Ohio County Commission	\$16,000.00	Tobacco Control Grant	\$8,000.00	Equipment	\$10,000.00
Ohio County Board of Education	\$6,000.00	Immunization Grant	\$8,500.00	Materials & Supplies	\$13,101.37
Program Contracts		Reimbursement Fees		Professional Services	\$33,100.00
Regional WIC Program	\$713,041.00	Clinical Fees	\$5,500.00	Other	\$158,703.93
Threat Preparedness	\$67,530.00	Clinical Reimbursements	\$28,500.00		
Regional Epidemiologist Program	\$75,000.00	Environmental Permit Fees	\$160,000.00		
Regional Cancer Information Program	\$32,500.00	West Liberty University Teaching	\$6,400.00		
		Total Funding	\$1,526,566.77	Total Expenses	\$1,526,566.77

## Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department City of Wheeling Funding Request FY 14

Description	ltem	Total	
Public Health Services	Salary & Benefits	Registered Sanitarian	\$7,999.00
		Registered Sanitarian	\$7,761.00
		Sanitarian	\$6,840.00
	Supplies	Paper, postage, toner	\$400.00
	Travel	@ WOCHD travel rate	\$2,000.00
	Sub-Total		\$25,000.00
Clinical renovation	Funding to modernize clinical rooms	Will bid out purchases	\$20,000.00
Total			\$45,000.00

## **Budget Narrative**

Public Health Services: Funding covers 15% of salary and benefits for WOCHD's environmental staff and provides funds for supplies associated with city inspections as well as funds to cover travel expenses.

Clinical Renovation Request: The WOCHD is requesting a one time funding allocation to renovate the two clinical rooms in the health department.

